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Nixon Blasts Red 'Justice' In U-2 Trial

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Vice President Richard M. Nixon said yesterday that there could not have been a more "terrible and devastating reflection on Soviet justice" than for the Russians to claim this country is on trial rather than U-2 pilot Francis G. Powers.

Nixon told reporters that Powers is "entitled to a trial on the merits as far as his individual actions are concerned." He was asked about the Soviet statements after attending a luncheon with policy advisers here.

In another development, a sister of pilot Powers, Jessica Hilleman of Washington, headed for Moscow last night to be there during the pilot's trial.

Her husband, William E. Hilleman, a circulation man on the Washington Daily News, said she wanted to be with her mother, Mrs. Oliver Powers, who is attending the trial.

The mother has been suffering from a heart ailment.